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OF MANY THINGS

For some time now Herbert L. Matthews of the New York *Times* has been meeting himself coming in and going out. This is creating problems for him and the newspaper he represents.

As a private citizen, Matthews publishes books of reminiscence and highly personal opinion—on Franco Spain (*The Yoke and the Arrows*) and on Castro (*The Cuban Story*). One need not be too close a reader of Mr. Matthews' prose to discover that he is emotionally involved in the topics which prompt his books.

In this role he shapes the *Times*' editorial policy on matters touching those parts of the world where Spanish and Portuguese are spoken. Thus, except when absent on other business, Matthews writes the *Times* editorials on Cuba and Fidel Castro. And it shows.

r Recently, at a meeting in New York of the Inter-American Press Association, both the New York *Times* and Mr. Matthews personally were severely criticized, first by the Committee of Freedom of the Press and then by a group of exiled Cuban newspapermen.

personal stand on Fidel Castro, together with his privileged position of being able to air his views on the editorial page of the New York *Times*, has become a source of embarrassment to that newspaper. He wrestles manfully with this dilemma through many pages of *The Cuban Story*, but fails to resolve it.

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EDITOR: A complaint and lament over AMERICA.

Moira Walsh writes on the movie *The Big Gamble* (Films, 9/16): ". . . its on-location African photography in color is excellent."

However, *Time* magazine commenting on the same movie (*Time*, 9/15) says: "The landscape doesn't look African, and it isn't; almost all the outdoor scenes were shot in the south of France. Last straw: in their entire trip through what passes for unaccommodated wilderness, the lovers see exactly one poor little old lizard."

Who's right?

TED HOTTINGER, S.J.

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EDITOR: To paraphrase *Time*: "AMERICA's critic goofed." The truck journey in *The Big Gamble* was photographed in the south of France.

In my own defense let me say that the film did have some authentic "second-unit" photography of Africa, including a tenderlanding from an ocean liner, and some shots of a shantytown main street complete with a disintegrating hotel called "Palais Royal," or something equally and superbly inappropriate.

My willingness to be fooled in this instance may have a subconscious explanation which *Time* unwittingly put its finger on when it said: "In their entire trip through... unaccommodated wilderness, the lovers see exactly one poor little lizard."

The absence of snakes and other repellent and dangerous forms of wild life may have been what led me to conclude that Africa never looked lovelier.

(Miss) Moira Walsh

New York, N.Y.

Down-to-Earth Questions

EDITOR: As a parent of three children in elementary and secondary Catholic schools, and as an "educationist" in a Catholic college preparing teachers for Catholic and public schools, I am disturbed by the recent articles that suggest and even urge the discontinuance of some part of our Catholic educational system. These are some of the questions I think need to be answered:

1. Why are most of the articles written by those whose primary interest is in private high school and/or college level edu2. Why don't more superintendents speak out on this problem as did Fr. John T. Foudy in the San Francisco Monitor (9/29)?

3. Why aren't Catholics made aware of costs, additional funds needed, etc., through the local Catholic press?

4. What are the facts regarding curtailment of Catholic elementary education?

5. What evidence is available that grades 7-12 or 9-12 are the most critical years?

6. To what extent are our schools creating divisions in our parishes?

7. Can we legislate pupils from non-Catholic grade 6 to Catholic grade 7, 8 or 9?

8. Is not the parish the soundest base for support of the schools?

9. Is the Catholic laity willing to curtail Catholic education because it costs too much?

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Every Age, Its Ax to Grind

EDITOR: What was the response, among Catholics, to Rerum Novarum? To Quadragesimo Anno? And now, to Pope John's Mater et Magistra?

When the Supreme Court hands down a decision in accordance with my own political, social and economic convictions, I applaud the Court as the bulwark of our system.

When the Supreme Court hands down a decision which conflicts with my opinions or convictions in a given area of social life, I denounce it, and accuse the majority of the Justices of usurping the role of Congress or the States or the President.

When the Pope denounces communism, everybody quotes him-especially Catholics.

When he gets positive, constructive and fundamental, however, we either denounce his meddling, ignore the document and carry on as usual, or refer the whole matter to a committee for 40 more years of study-club "activity." This keeps the reformers out of mischief. Meanwhile, history is made by others.

For many centuries the Church was accused of collaboration with political and economic conservatism. Then, beginning with Pope Leo XIII, a shift began, away from the right and toward the center.

Different toes are stepped on as we pass from Leo XIII to John XXIII, but in each age the axes grind.

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Current Comment

Pope John XXIII at 80

In the late afternoon of a cold and rainy Nov. 25, 1881, a son born that very day to Marianna Mazzola Roncalli, wife of sharecropper Giovanni Battista Roncalli, was baptized in the parish church of Sotto il Monte, in the province of Bergamo. He was named Angelo Giuseppe. No one, of course, except perhaps his doting parents, imagined that the child would one day note his 80th birthday in the Vatican, as Pope.

The official celebration of Pope John's birthday is being held, not on the day proper, but on Nov. 4, anniversary of his coronation as Supreme Pontiff.

The late Pius XII loved people and was never happier than when in their midst. His aristocratic upbringing, however, gave him a somewhat reserved and formal manner. John XXIII is less accessible to visitors in the Holy City, but his warm and uninhibited personality expresses itself in other ways. Few will ever forget the consternation betrayed in the staid Vatican when the newly elected Pontiff visited the city jail in Rome and there recalled how one of his relatives had once been arrested for poaching. Such delightful lapses into informality were to characterize the later relations of "Papa Roncalli" with all those he met. (See Washington Front, p. 145.)

What does the Pope wish from the faithful who celebrate with joy his 80th birthday? Such a question is easy to answer. The Holy Father's heart is set on bringing to completion the bold venture of an ecumenical council which he launched in simple confidence shortly after he became Pope. His loyal sons and daughters around the world could hardly please him more than by multiplying their prayers on this occasion for the early convocation and prompt conclusion of the Second Vatican Council.

Survival in Hungary

The London Catholic Herald has described the late Archbishop Joseph Groesz of Kalocsa, Hungary, as "one of the most enigmatic figures in the history

of the Church behind the Iron Curtain." It was his fate to be the successor of Cardinal Mindszenty, after the 1956 abortive Hungarian revolt, and hence to act as spokesman for the Hungarian bishops. Archbishop Groesz' cautious, conciliatory and even appeasing policy suffered by contrast with the earlier unequivocal anti-regime attitude of the heroic Cardinal. Yet, when he died, Oct. 2, his record of achievement was not without its own poignant dignity.

Some foreign observers, including no doubt many in the Vatican, once feared that Archbishop Groesz' five years in a Red prison (1951-56) had broken his spirit. At the end of 1957 he was decorated by the Kadar regime for his services to the (Communist-led) peace movement and for his services in Church-State relations. In June, 1958, the world press displayed a photograph of the Archbishop shaking hands in Budapest with Nikita Khrushchev.

In the light of later events and better information, it is now clearly seen that the late Archbishop saw himself faced with the unenviable and tragic duty of saving what could be saved from a desperate situation, even at the price of misunderstanding abroad. By yielding on non-essentials, he seems, in fact, to have averted the ever-present danger of schism as well as the rise of an all-powerful "Patriotic Priests" movement completely under Red control.

Archbishop Groesz' successor as Church spokesman in Hungary, Bishop Endre Hamvas of Csanad, faces the same unfinished and ungrateful challenge. While watching his career, the free world would do well to be slow of judgment and generous in prayer.

Mr. Nehru's Obsession

With an obdurate Portuguese colony at the very portals of India, Prime Minister Nehru can be excused an occasional sally at the "colonial" powers. But when a dying Western colonialism becomes an obsession to the exclusion of all else, one is tempted to question, if not the sincerity, at least the objectivity and the perception of the Indian leader.

Listening to the Prime Minister during his address at a recent three-day seminar in New Delhi, one would think that the two greatest threats to world peace today were: 1) Portuguese colonies, and 2) white mercenaries playing a "vicious role" in the Congo. And this while the Soviet Union reinforces its policy of terror with a steady staccato of nuclear explosions. Even while Mr. Nehru was speaking, the Soviets dumped their heaviest load of nuclear garbage over the Northern Hemisphere on Oct. 24.

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The world today may be closer to war than at any time since 1945. Yet somehow it is not Portugal and her colonies that send shivers down our spines. Nor do Moise Tshombe's white mercenaries in Katanga Province of the Congo. If war begins, it will likely be on the northern borders of India (again at Mr. Nehru's portals), where Red China has already laid claim to 12,000 square miles of Indian territory. It could begin in Southeast Asia where the Communists have made off with half of Laos almost without a fight, and now threaten South Vietnam. Or in Berlin, where the Soviets seem determined to make an issue of Western rights.

Meanwhile, Mr. Nehru points his finger at Portugal. Is it any wonder the West is fast running out of patience with the so-called "neutrals"?

The Old Fox of Bonn

The 85-year-old Chancellor of the West German Republic is not nicknamed "the old fox" because of his age. With consummate skill Dr. Adenauer has out-maneuvered opponents in both his own party and in the party of Dr. Erich Mende, the Free Democrats. He emerges not only secure in the chancellorship but still in full control of foreign policy.

For this security the politically shrewd Chancellor has paid the slight price of five ministries and two other posts of cabinet rank. He has also agreed to retire before 1965 and early enough to allow his successor to firmly establish himself before the elections of that year.

At one point in the hectic bargainings Dr. Adenauer was forced to ask the restive members of his party:

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of my past experience and because of personal relations throughout the world, which are needed by West Germany now.

Indeed, his firm attachment to the West is one of the arguments used against him. The Free Democrats would much prefer having West Germany push more vigorously for immediate unification—even if this meant weakening its ties with Nato and the West.

In an effort to gain more "influence in foreign policy," Dr. Mende vetoed the reappointment of Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, who has served as Foreign Minister since 1955, and who has been criticized as "too weak" to withstand the pressures of the West, should negotiations with the Soviets prove unacceptable to the Germans.

The Chancellor, however, has served notice that he will resist this effort to get at him through his Foreign Minister. Dr. Brentano, he has promised, will go with him to see President Kennedy. Thus, even if the political forces against Brentano succeed, the West is still assured of the strong support of Adenauer's leadership.

Britain Keeps 'Em Out

Britain seems to be on the verge of imposing controls on immigration from Commonwealth and colonial countries. R. A. Butler, the Home Secretary, virtually promised that a bill for that purpose would be introduced in the coming session of Parliament when, on Oct. 11, he wound up a debate on immigration at the recent Conservative party conference.

Not that Mr. Butler was enthusiastic about the blow to British tradition and the affront to Commonwealth nations which an immigration curb would imply. Most Conservative conference delegates seemed to want a check on immigration more severe than any which the government is likely to sponsor. The government bill will probably be directed mainly against criminal immigrants and those for whom no jobs are available.

The Commonwealth countries most concerned are India, Pakistan and the West Indies Federation. Immigration from India and Pakistan amounted to 2,000 in the first half of 1960. In the corresponding period in 1961 it rose to 16,700. West Indian immigrants numbered 2,000 in 1953 but more than 70,-

000 of them are expected to enter Britain this year.

Any control on immigration, Mr. Butler warned, would be applied to the Commonwealth generally, including Ireland. This last curb, of course, would not displease the Conservative rank and file.

As Francis Boyd, Manchester Guardian correspondent at the conference, remarked on Oct. 12, "some speakers seem to object to the Southern Irish as much as to the West Indians." Irish-Americans who wonder why their cousins living in England insist on voting for that socialistic Labor party will find their answer in that remark.

Latin Social Reform

Latin America's overarching need for social reform has been increasingly pointed up in recent months. On Oct. 13, Brazil's bishops sent a joint letter to President João Goulart urging that, while guarding against Communist ruses, the government institute land reforms and take effective measures to improve the situation of farm workers. This was by no means the first such statement of the Brazilian hierarchy.

On the following day, in Mexico City, at the Second Inter-American Marian Congress, several spokesmen stressed the urgency of spreading and activating the Church's social teaching. The personal message of Pope John XXIII praised current efforts to improve Latin American living standards and to spread true social justice. The Holy Father's recent encyclical, *Mater et Magistra*, was the subject of study sessions and set the tone of the congress.

Archbishop Miguel Dario y Miranda of Mexico City asked the group to translate its spirit into true benefits of justice and love for all in the Americas. Brother Alfredo Morales, a Cuban exile, had spoken emphatically on the need for disseminating Christian social principles throughout the hemisphere.

The social role of women was given special focus by Mother Maria Gama, while Enrique Villegas, delegate from Argentina, showed that it is especially "up to the laity to solve problems of social justice."

Throughout the congress special note was given to the fullness of Christian social principles. Fr. Pedro Velasquez, director of the Mexican Social Secretariat, stressed that one form of materialism is much like another—aiming at wealth in the hands of a few individuals or of the all-powerful state. The Christian must keep in mind man's total needs, spiritual as well as bodily.

The Glory of Glass

Unlike film, ballet, literature and music, the visual arts commonly suffer from immobility. In order to see Ravenna, for example, you must go to it; it can't come to you. While there are exhibits that do travel—like the stunning Buhrle Collection now at London's National Gallery or the Goya exhibition recently opened in Madrid—these are perforce made up of easel paintings. Meantime, frescoes, mosaics and stained glass must as a rule "stay put," unseen save by the few.

The fact that they are an exception to this rule is only one reason why Marc Chagall's new windows deserve comment. From Nov. 19 to Jan. 3, New York's Museum of Modern Art will present them, en route to their destination in a new synagogue in Jerusalem, as a special service to America's art lovers. Peter Selv, curator of painting and sculpture exhibitions, has tastefully mounted them in the museum's lightsome stairwell, where they will shed their glory on thousands of visitors.

Stained glass being almost as hard to reproduce on paper as to send around the world, the rather flat reproductions in the Oct. 24 issue of *Look* magazine may frighten viewers away. Those of us who were fortunate enough to view the Chagall windows in their Paris setting can promise a rare thrill to the many who visit the forthcoming exhibit.

For all too long, painting has lost its sacred roots, narrowing its vision to the merely secular and subjective. However, a decade ago, with the Matisse chapel at Vence and the Assy church, we began to find significant artists rediscovering and reinterpreting the holy. Now, with Chagall's deeply spiritual portrayal of the Twelve Tribes, sacred art has enlisted another great master of our time.

JFK on Red China

It was a sad week for those unrealists who call themselves "realists." On Oct. 19, Presidential press secretary Pierre Salinger read a statement the President

had intended to make at his news conference a few days previously. In it the Administration again went on record as firmly opposing the entry of Red China into the United Nations. Reports that we had been preparing some kind of compromise plan that would admit of two Chinas were, after all, unfounded. So too were the hopes of the "realists" who have kept telling us how anguished they are over our 12-year "slur" on "600 million Chinese."

Had the President been questioned on our China policy during his press conference, he would have answered: "The United States has always considered the government of the Republic of [Nationalist] China the only rightful government representing China." Moreover we have always given "full support to the position and to all the rights of that government in the United Nations." The United States, therefore, will continue to oppose "the entry of the Chinese Communists into the UN or into any of [its] components. . . .

The arguments against the admission of Red China to the UN have been spelled out at length in past issues of this Review. Hence we have little sympathy for those who deplore the Administration's China policy on the grounds that it is the result of organized political pressure, and that the issue has never been aired in open debate. At the risk of being associated with that bogeyman known as the "Chiang lobby" (which presumably includes the U.S. Congress and now the President), we welcome Mr. Kennedy's decision to continue U.S. support for free China. The issue, we trust, has now been settled.

What Is a Lay Apostle?

A prominent layman told us recently that he was worried about the term "apostle." He suspected that many lay people feel they cannot really apply the title to themselves.

For all who feel that way-and we wonder how many do-we recommend an article entitled "What Is a Lay Apostle?" by the Most Rev. John Carmel Heenan, Archbishop of Liverpool, in the Sept. 29 issue of England's Catholic Herald.

By an apostle, Archbishop Heenan explains, we mean, in the first place, "someone with the love of God in his heart." Thus, the first requisite for the apostolate is "a desire for personal holiness and a serious attempt to attain it." The second requirement flows from the first: "If God is truly reflected in us, we must thirst for the salvation of souls."

Archbishop Heenan prefers the terms "apostle" and "apostolate" to the older expression, "Catholic Action." He frankly admits that "for one reason or another Catholic Action lost its appeal." Our present term, lay apostolate, he continues, is really the same idea, but "it sounds much warmer." He adds:

You cannot help feeling that lay apostles will really do apostolic work. They are not likely to argue endlessly, as some Catholic Actionists did, about which societies were qualified to function under their

In other words, we are all chosen and sent by Christ.

Species of Catholics

Today's lesson in semantics will be about the terms "open" and "closed." Of themselves, these adjectives can mean a host of things, good and bad. But suppose someone said to you thatas a Catholic-you were "open." Would you feel complimented or insulted? Your answer, no doubt, would be that it all depended on who said it to you. Like the overworked liberal-conservative dichotomy, the qualifiers "open" and "closed" have no unvarying or consistent meaning.

It is not too late to forestall the fixing of a single (and unfortunate) connotation on the expression "open Catholicism." The term, widely used in Europe to designate a certain sensitivity to new situations and their challenges, is still new here.

The mischievous possibilities cropped up in Munich last September, when a notorious atheist philosopher from Warsaw, Prof. Leszek Kowalowski, was scheduled to give a lecture on the official Bavarian radio. His subject, of all things, was "Catholicism in a Communist Society."

As it happened, the program was cancelled after protest, but not before the general tenor of the lecture had become known. Prof. Kowalowski thinks highly of "open Catholicism" in Poland. In his mouth, however, praise of it is a kiss of death. For him, the phrase designates a spirit which would concede to communism or laicism the monopoly in forming the institutions of human so-

It would be regrettable if a term which, rightly understood, might aptly characterize the Church's positive response to our age, should take on an exclusively pejorative meaning. There is no reason why "open Catholicism" must be relegated, without examination, to the lexicon of dirty words.

Federal-Aid Balloon

Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey (D., W.Va.) member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, has sent aloft a new trial balloon on Federal aid to education.

According to the plan, the Federal Government would give each State funds amounting to two percent of what the State itself spends for public education. Theoretically, the more money a State expends, the greater the Federal

This money would be distributed by the State to local school districts as State authorities see fit. States having a per capita income below the national average, however, would be paid a bonus. Additional funds would also be granted to States having excessive population burdens.

The professed purpose of the plan is to side-step the two chief objections raised against President Kennedy's school bill: its threat of Federal control and its discrimination against private school children.

The problems are indeed side-stepped by this proposal, but they are not resolved. Rather, the proposal tends to freeze education in its present condition. In all probability, States will not budget more money to get more. They are apt to lower their appropriations and figure that a grant will make up the difference. Thus, there will be no improvement in school construction, teachers' salaries or school facilities. Children in private schools would doubtless be totally ignored.

While we see little merit in this particular proposal, we welcome a new approach. For the sincere advocate of a Federal aid program-as well as for the sincere opponent-we must have, as Cardinal Cushing advised in his Oct. 21 "News-Notes" in the Boston Pilot, "only

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International ABC's

With Congress shut down for a few months, the President and his colleagues in the Executive have wisely stepped up their efforts to inform the public on key national and international affairs. As anyone acquainted with Assistant Secretary of State Harlan Cleveland's background as an educator and journalist might have expected, he is making an especially valuable contribution to this new initiative of the Administration.

In an informative article in the October issue of *Foreign Affairs*, for instance, Mr. Cleveland undertook to sketch out

the main lines of our over-all strategy on the UN's 16th General Assembly. We aim, he says, "to help bind together the nations committed to the Charter into an open international society." To this end we stand ready to build on the ABC's of world order: the UN's triple capacity to act on behalf of peace and security; to befriend the oppressed—especially on the issue of colonialism; to create those social, economic and administrative institutions that make an open society meaningful.

Unfortunately, the achievement of our goal is not quite so simple as playing with ABC blocks. Among the obstacles to be faced are, of course, the Soviet Union's refusal to live by 20th-century rules in the community of nations and our own national tendency to neglect long-range strategy.

Another difficulty touched on by Mr. Cleveland in a telling phrase is the tendency of the "undercommitted" countries of Asia and Africa to react to Soviet-created tensions by urging "the West to compromise; they know the Soviets won't." Such a direct spelling out of the ABC's of international life may pain some. But it is a necessary function of our nation's unsought role as a world leader.

The Choice In Germany

A NEW GERMAN ARMY has taken up an historic mission in Central Europe. That mission—the defense of the West against the age-old threat from the East—was prostituted by Hitler.

Hitler paid for his crimes with his sanity and his life. The purgatory of the German Army began at Stalingrad and continued throughout the Götter-dämmerung of 1944-45.

The new West German Army was brought into being over the objections of a large part of the West German population. Those objections were overridden at the insistence of the Western Allies, led by the United States.

When it did emerge, this new army accepted as its example Count Nicholas von Stauffenberg, whose bomb-laden brief case had blown the old Prussian tradition of blind and immoral obedience into oblivion.

After much difficulty, the West German Army has begun to produce results. The United States and the rest of Germany's Nato allies are accepting the new field-grey divisions with open arms, and asking for more.

Now we face a choice.

We have asked Germany and its soldiers to join with us in fighting a nuclear war, if that becomes necessary. Do we intend to back up that request with our trust and confidence? Or do we go on behaving as though the Germans are on some sort of probation?

German soldiers do not fight well simply because they are German soldiers. Like men everywhere, they must have plausible aims for which to fight. They must have faith in the government and coalition under which they serve. They must know that they are equipped with the finest weapons available.

We deceive ourselves if we think that we can take

the Germans for granted while we bargain away their right to nuclear weapons, weapons that are essential to the survival and success of the German Army. We commit an even greater folly if we think that we can destroy Germany's hope for reunification and still expect to find her among our fervent allies.

Whom do we wish to please?

The Belgrade neutrals already have begun to make such peace with Moscow as Mr. Khrushchev may allow them to enjoy.

The "ban-the-bomb" group in the West has had the white flag up and waving for some time.

We are in something of the same position as the gun fighter in a TV western. The challenge has been thrown down. The card players and the barroom loungers have cleared out. Those who still stand with us are the only people worth worrying about.

The Soviets have made the same mistake in Europe that Hitler and Napoleon made in Russia. They have allowed the Red Army to penetrate too far into hostile territory without achieving a decisive victory.

The great asset of the Russian Army—the conviction of its peasant soldiers that they are fighting for their own dark earth—was left behind at the borders of Russia itself.

In the event of a Soviet attack, we shall be in a position to destroy the Red Army and, with it, the foundations of world communism. We cannot realize this opportunity without the support of a strong German Army, Navy and Air Force.

There is no "negotiable ground" in Germany.

The discussion of German war guilt ended the day the first West German soldier took his place in the Nato line of battle. We can continue to call for, and receive, the support of that soldier, his comrades and their relatives at home. Or, we can "negotiate" German rights and German hopes with the Russians. We cannot do both.

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A VISIT WITH THE POPE

ON A RECENT trip to Italy, this Washington Front correspondent had the privilege of a visit with His Holiness, Pope John XXIII. We were lucky enough to tag along with a group of Congressmen who called on the Supreme Pontiff at Castel Gandolfo.

Upon arrival at the castle, we were ushered through a number of white-walled audience rooms. We finally halted at one which was very like the others, and after a few minutes, with no fanfare, the Pope, wearing white, walked in, smiling. He nodded to the company, murmuring "Good morning" in Italian and blessing them.

When he took his seat in a red chair at the head of the room, his first words were an invitation to all to be seated. When it developed that there were not enough chairs for everyone, he motioned us to gather around him.

He then made a speech of welcome which was entirely in the warm, simple vein that is especially his. An English monsignor, who smiled a great deal at his work and chuckled once or twice, was the interpreter. His Holiness introduced the monsignor, explaining that his usual occupation was astronomy.

"He has come down to earth to do this service for Us," said His Holiness.

I cannot reproduce the Pope's discourse exactly. Unfortunately, all participants were a trifle carried away by the occasion, but the substance, as we jointly recalled it afterwards, was along these lines:

His Holiness welcomed us most graciously. He said it was most important for people to come to see him, since—he somewhat ruefully indicated the red velvet cushion under his slippered feet—he could not walk around as much as he used to, and he believes the true basis of Christian life is "la società."

Many men in this era, he said, speak critically and destructively, but this is not his way, because his whole purpose is to reunite people. Smiling, he said that that morning, while saying his prayers after Mass, he had remarked that the moon was still in the sky as the sun was rising. If they could be together in the heavens, why could not we on earth?

We might grant, he said, that he had read a good deal in the prophets of old. The style of the prophet Jeremiah, speaking of doom and destruction, is not his. With St. Paul, he prefers to dwell on the joy of Christian life.

Then the Pope received each of his visitors individually, and had a word for everyone. The most delightful encounter took place between him and a young couple from the Embassy.

"Contenti a Roma?" he inquired. They both spoke perfect Italian and so knew he was inquiring about their happiness in being in Rome. But they were somewhat overwhelmed at the idea of the Pope's concern over their well-being, and so they hesitated for a moment. His Holiness found it a moment in which to practice his English.

He leaned forward and smiled at them.

"Happ-y?" he asked. MARY McGrory

On All Horizons

FOR STUDENTS • A 70-page, illustrated booklet, Southeast Asia in Five Hours, has been published by the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade (5100 Shattuc Ave., Cincinnati 26, Ohio). Price: 60¢.

CHALLENGE • That is the title of a concise and practical handbook for the direction of young people, just published by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Written for parents and teachers, the booklet covers school, home and recreation. Write Dept. of Education, 433 Church St., San Francisco 14, Calif. Price: 15¢.

COMMUNICATIONS • Radio, television and film people from all over the world will gather at the Univ. of Mon-

treal for an International Communications Congress June 23-27, 1962. Co-sponsors are the International Catholic Cinema Office (OCIC) and the International Catholic Organization on Radio and Television (UNDA). For information write Catholic Centre on Cinema, Radio and Television, 315 De Montigny St., Montreal 18, Canada.

DOWN TO EARTH • The Catholic Church in Chile is planning to set up an Institute for Land Reform, according to Archbishop Raul Silva Enriquez of Santiago. The institute will study legal questions pertaining to land and make soil tests of land not cultivated.

VOCATIONS • A slick, 24-page rotogravure explaining a religious vocation

to the sisterhoods and published by the Conference of Major Religious Superiors (590 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves 19, Mo.) is now in its third edition. Over 700,000 copies have already been distributed. Sample copies sent upon request.

LAUNCHED • Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Journal of Religion and Health is just out. Edited by a board which includes representatives of all the major faiths, the new quarterly will discuss the shared concerns of clergymen and persons in the healing sciences. Write Academy of Religion and Mental Health, 16 E. 34th St., N.Y. 16, N.Y.: \$5 a year.

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Editorials

Pastor and Flock

ON READING the letter which Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State, sent to the Canadian Social Week last month in the name of the Holy Father, a man can come to only one of two conclusions.

Either the Vatican doesn't have its ear to the ground and knows not what some of the flock are murmuring about the Pastor.

Or else Pope John is persuaded that he knows much more about the rights and duties of the Church with respect to the social question than those confused "conservative" Catholics whom Fr. Land discusses elsewhere in this issue (p. 149).

Since it would be a rash man who would decide that the Vatican is blissfully ignorant of the world-wide reaction to the Pope's social encyclical, "Christianity and Social Progress," one can only conclude that Pope John is intent on emphasizing once again what every instructed Catholic knows, namely, that the Church's mission to teach the truths of revelation and the principles of the natural law extends to the socio-economic sphere. It extends, that is, to all those activities by which men produce and distribute wealth.

Furthermore, as the letter to the Canadian Catholics so clearly reveals, the Pope does not understand the Church's mission to teach authoritatively on social matters in a narrow and restricted sense. It is not a mandate merely to teach general moral principles. It is also a commission to relate those principles to concrete situations amid all the shifting circumstances of life

That is precisely what the Pope does, through Cardinal Cicognani, in the letter referred to.

He isn't content to say, for instance, that the physical environment of work should be such as becomes the dignity of workers who are also children of God. He describes in some detail what this implies:

In other words, hygiene must be practiced, accidents and occupational diseases averted, working hours kept within reasonable limits, women and particularly married women and mothers treated with due regard, young people employed only when sufficiently mature and never for work that might compromise their natural development, and every danger to good morals or to religious feeling avoided.

Far from denying that this kind of moral teaching on secular matters has legislative and, in a sense therefore, political implications, the letter goes on to recall—not without an overtone of satisfaction—that Pope Leo's rules on working conditions, set forth in Rerum Novarum, "have served as guides in the social legislation of those political communities most interested in human progress."

Similarly with respect to the dislocations caused by technological change. The Pope is not satisfied to say—through Cardinal Cicognani—that automated processes must be introduced with due regard to justice. He explains what justice in the concrete demands:

It is, therefore, an exigency of social justice that such application be made in such a way that the immediate negative results of automation should not be borne exclusively by the workers. Rather should such negative results weigh equally, or even more heavily, upon the investors of capital and, when opportune, even upon all the members of the political community, since all, in the final analysis, benefit by such changes of automation.

It should be noted that in his teaching mission in the social field the Holy Father is not concerned with the technical aspects of affairs. The Church claims no competence in these matters; it has no authority, divine or otherwise, to rule on them. The letter to the Canadian Catholics does not specify, for example, how the burdens of automation are in practice to be justly distributed. That is to say, it does not choose one of the several programs which have been advanced for dealing with unemployment and destruction of job skills and say that this one, and this one alone, must be accepted and followed. The selection of technical means to fulfill a moral obligation is the business of employers, unions and public authorities.

The Church, in other words, deals with secular matters on the moral plane; it does not invade the rightful jurisdiction of the businessman, the union leader or the legislator.

If this were more clearly understood than it appears to be, and if, furthermore, the full sweep of the Church's contemporary social doctrine going back to Leo XIII were more fully comprehended than it is, certain otherwise good and loyal Catholics would not be making such fools of themselves these days. That goes especially for those Catholics who by their simplistic and lopsided approach to the awful menace of communism—typified at its worst by membership in the John Birch Society—are de-emphasizing Mater et Magistra and thus endangering the cause that is dearer than life to all of us.

The Reds in Focus

PERSPECTIVE is a peculiar phenomenon. It lends depth to one's vision. It endows everything we see with relative proportions. Unless we can recognize differences of size and distance, life becomes a rather dangerous and difficult affair.

It is not our intention to discourse on the psychology of perspective, except to notice that perspective is something just as indispensable for understanding current political affairs as it is for driving an automobile down crowded Main Street. And sometimes we suspect that aused by d to say processes tice. He

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many Americans cruise through the crises of world politics with very little regard for this essential.

Confronted as they are with the brutal and frightening challenge of communism, and most anxious to pay it the serious attention it deserves, some have tended to forget that there are other problems against which communism itself must be viewed in order to evaluate its true importance. Accepting the slogan—and that is all it is—which describes the present world atmosphere as one of "Cold War," they have begun to think in patterns of thought that ordinarily prevail in times of hot war. Now, as then, they reduce the world to the simple divisions of friends and foes, Communists and anti-Communists. They look upon each new strain in world tensions, every latest popular uprising (no matter where), as nothing more than another phase of the war. It is not always so simple.

In thus simplifying the course of events, a proper perspective is obscured by unreasonable fears. Our focus is centered on only a few elements that are involved and our total view becomes, unfortunately, myopic. Those who take this view unconsciously endow the Russians with a power and an invincibility that the

Russians themselves only wish they had.

The 22nd Communist Party Congress should help us to re-establish a right perspective on communism and on the political regimes that have adopted its ideology. The architecturally superb new structure of marble and glass where the congress was held in Moscow is in a very true sense nothing more than a showcase revealing to the world many of the serious weaknesses and limitations of the Communist system. The 5,000 voiceless delegates seated within its walls could not but observe the cracks and fractures in the not-so-monolithic Soviet power complex.

Rifts in party solidarity, first created by Marshal Tito back in 1949, have deepened and spread to other areas of the world. "Revisionism" and "deviationism," the basic heresies of Marxism from the Russians' point of view, were diseases that were already virulent in 1956 when they sparked the Polish and Hungarian uprisings. The "scourge" is now detected in the intransigence of the Albanian members, who refuse to toe the

mark drawn by the Soviet leaders.

But no one is misled by Khrushchev's tirade against Albania. Everyone recognizes that his target is Red China, which over the years has quietly been drawing more and more national parties to its way of thinking. Horrible as the trend is to contemplate, at least the Chinese deviation is not blind submission to the Russian party line. By threatening ω go its own way, China looms as a serious contender for Russia's power. As such it is its mortal enemy.

The congress has uncovered other internal problems that are trying the faith of dedicated Marxists. Improvement in the living standards of many Communist regimes has been slow. Hunger and poverty have not been eradicated, as was promised. Energies and resources poured into arms and sputniks are not at work growing bread and rice. Party leaders are aware of pressures for progress now—not in 1980. They are left

with a worrisome problem. Khrushchev, it would appear, is not so solidly in control of the party as he would like the West to believe.

With all these factors taken into account, communism stands out in clearer perspective. We suddenly find that we are not dealing with a homogeneous mass, but with fragmented and sometimes opposing sectors. Ideology—Marxism, Leninism, communism, whatever you want to call it—is not necessarily the same for the Chinese as for the Russians. These differences run deep into the Red structure of political organization and method.

To combat communism it is not enough to be opposed to some vague and nebulous generalization. We must see the enemy as he really is, in all his horrid strength and pitiful weakness. Only by so viewing him in perspective shall we see our way to victory over him.

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Contraceptive Advertising

It was only a question of time, of course. But now it is happening. Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation, a division of Johnson & Johnson, and the nation's biggest manufacturer of contraceptives, has launched its first consumer advertising campaign. The J. & J. advertisements will appear in Everywoman's Family Circle, in the Macfadden women's group and in a 10¢ magazine sold in drug stores, Prescription Health. They are aimed at those couples who have more children than they can provide for, but are ignorant of the available and effective methods of child spacing.

The J. & J. new departure, as reported in the Oct. 16 Advertising Age, makes no mention of what Ortho's products are. They simply advise young women not to plan a family "over the back fence," but to see their doctor. While the approach is indirect enough to avoid arousing the general public, it need not be ineffective. The ad does not attempt to sell the concept of child spacing and family planning. It simply takes the line that people are interested and only need more information in order to become effective consumers.

Since contraceptives are a very profitable item, the Johnson & Johnson advertisement, if successful, may call forth a host of imitators. In any event, it is highly significant. It indicates a willingness to risk public outcry from Catholics. It likewise manifests a conviction that the time is ripe to add consumer advertising to the flood of direct mail and medical journal announcements long directed to doctors and druggists. The tone of the advertisement is also notable since it avoids all sensationalism. This is in line with other contraceptive advertising, such as that for Enovid, which is presented even to the medical profession as "the first complete physiologic regulator of female cyclic function." In short, we can expect a flood of euphemisms. Evidently, you can advertise anything if your language is refined.

Perhaps the most alarming aspect of the new advertisement is that it indicates a lowering of the standards of the magazines which have accepted it. Does it presage editorial space devoted to the same topics?

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Pope John XXIII: Teacher

Philip S. Land, S.J.

A RECENT issue of AMERICA (9/30, p. 820) found it necessary to return once more to the defense of Pope John's encyclical on "Christianity and Social Progress." The most recent occasion for this defense had arisen in the form of a letter to AMERICA from one of National Review's editors, Frank S. Meyer (AM. 9/30, p. 813).

Much more moderate in tone than National Review's now notorious editorial on the encyclical, Mr. Meyer's letter no less firmly rejects the authority of the Pope as a teacher on social, economic or political matters. Commenting on the Meyer letter, America deplores the fact that, whereas we ought to be getting on with the work of interpreting and applying Mater et Magistra, it is discouragingly necessary to continue to defend the very right of the Pope to be heard on questions which involve both the temporal and the spiritual orders.

Why does America continue to stress this right of the Pope to act as teacher? Are its editors excessively pre-

occupied with this problem?

It assuredly does not seem so to me. I say this after three months of lecturing on and discussing the new encyclical in U.S. cities from coast to coast. Repeatedly I met the challenge: "What right has the Pope to talk about social questions?" and "Why doesn't the Pope just stick to preaching what's in the Gospels?"

Such questions, needless to say, come from people who are disgruntled because the Pope has said things in *Mater et Magistra* that they don't like. Such questioners were—it will be no surprise to learn—all members of the so-called conservative Right. Many of them declared themselves to be avid readers of *National Review*, from which they said they draw their personal social creed.

This challenge to papal authority in social matters was not exactly new to me. I had already been familiar with it in Europe while engaged for seven years in teaching and writing on Catholic social thought, principally in Rome. Moreover, I have had frequent contact with social developments elsewhere on the Continent. Thus, I have come to know Europe's strong element of laicisme, which repudiates papal authority in all social matters. Says the laicist: Let the Church confine her exhortations to the Gospels and to the law of love. These are things of the spirit, and it is only things of the spirit that are or should be properly the concern of the Church. The task of civilization is purely temporal, wholly secular, and the Church has nothing at all to say about it.

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In Europe, this laicist mentality finds its principal expression on the left wing of society. For there it is the left-wing Catholic who wants freedom—in his case, freedom to turn to what he believes to be the only vital source of social thought today, that is, to Hegel—and to Hegel as expounded by the Marxists.

During a long summer of travel in the United States this year, I continually met up with a strange variant of this European mentality. The only difference is that here in the United States I everywhere encountered it among extreme right-wing Catholics, notably those identifying themselves with the National Review. Aiding and abetting this mentality, if only unconsciously, were a small number of priests who—themselves also followers of National Review—are totally out of sympathy with Pope John's new encyclical, and in consequence are inclined to give it the silent treatment.

While these priests do not ex professo reject the Pope's right to teach in these fields, their silent treatment amounts in practice to just that; and it is so interpreted by some members of the laity who, in their encounters with these priests, find encouragement for their own rejection of papal authority in social questions.

AMERICA's editorial of September 30 devoted itself to the task of bringing about a better understanding of papal authority. The editorial is a clear statement, backed up by the weight of a century of the Church's own express teaching. It should be quite enough to convince loyal Catholics of what their attitude ought to be.

However, there is another approach that could be taken to bring us to the same conclusion—an approach that I made frequent use of this past summer. This is to point out a simple fact always missed by the dissenters: there is in fact an already existing body of Catholic social thought. The implication of this idea will escape no well-instructed Catholic. What the Church in fact has done and does today with regard to matters of faith and morals—namely, teach—she rightly (de jure) may do. And this is obviously no less true in matters of social morality than in those of personal morality.

I have made use of this approach because the current debate often goes on as though Pope John were the first Pope to try his hand at writing a social encyclical. The fact is that to an already existing and considerable body of Catholic social thought, one Pope after another throughout the past century has continually been adding more and more material. Most notable, of course, are the writings of Pope John's predecessors, Leo XIII, Pius XI and Pius XII. But others, too, made contributions of considerable importance.

Furthermore, all of these Popes recognized that they were contributing to an already existing body of Catholic doctrine, which, if it needed organization, growth and adaptation, nevertheless constituted a true corpus doctrinae ecclesiae. Each Pope in turn relies upon his predecessors; directs attention to what they have already written; insists that it is truly and properly the Church that is teaching; asserts that he himself is merely applying the existing body of Church doctrine in a new situation and covering a field hitherto left untouched (Mater et Magistra's extended treatment of agriculture, for example), or that he is resolving a disputed question.

There is no more striking evidence of the truth of what I have just been saying than the encyclical Mater et Magistra itself. There Pope John devotes practically one-fourth of a lengthy document to the point of recalling the teachings of his predecessors and to reaffirming their authority.

In brief, cen-



turies of papal practice refute the supposition of those who dissent from *Mater et Magistra*, claiming that the Popes do not have a right to speak to the Christian conscience in questions of social policy. If one cannot understand the limpid reasoning with which AMERICA explained to Mr. Meyer the theological basis of the Church's right—and duty—so to speak, surely this formidable fact of the Church presuming over centuries to do precisely what Mr. Meyer rejects, that is, to inform the Christian conscience in social as well as personal morality, should make the Catholic's dissent seem awe-somely brash.

I repeat: in social as well as personal matters. What a singular prejudice it is which reduces morality to not cheating, not telling lies, not fornicating, not eating meat on Fridays, while dismissing from the realm of morality all questions that touch justice in economic life. And just such a rejection of Catholic tradition is involved in denying to the Pope an authoritative voice in social policy. Evidently, it cannot be repeated too often that wherever moral values are at stake, there the Church rightfully speaks in the name of Him who entrusted to her the task of guiding men to their eternal destiny.

In asserting thus vigorously the Catholic's obligation to heed any message propounded in a social encyclical, I do so in full awareness of the fact that it is not the competence of any individual, but that of the Church, to ay down norms for the proper fulfillment of that obedience. The Church, it should be remembered, is a

loving mother who will not bruise the bent reed. Much less will she impose anything that is against reason.

It would take many more paragraphs than I have space for in this brief article to set forth the Church's norms for the reading and interpreting and applying of an encyclical. But those acquainted with them will recognize how eminently satisfactory they are.

It has been reported that Pope John has manifested a desire that Catholics engage in serious but loyal discussion of what he has written. He wants commentaries to be written and questions to be proposed. There is nothing at all surprising in this, because each of the social encyclicals has inevitably been followed by such discussion. The Pope recognizes that one may legitimately question the prudence of his decision not to enter into a detailed condemnation of the economic systems of socialism and communism. If this question is raised, the Pope would like the opportunity to answer it. He recognizes, too, that in some countries his use of the word "socialization" has given trouble. He welcomes clarifying comment on the topic.

The Holy Father realizes that the half-dozen general lines of "socialization" that particularly interest him will need both comment and careful application. He is keenly aware that the application of these policies calls for great discrimination, in view of the differing situations in which many nations find themselves—some well advanced along lines of sociative activity, others scarcely embarked upon any sort of organized group enterprises for the common good.

The Vicar of Christ acknowledges that "socialization" can and does have negative aspects. He will not consider it a disloyalty if some, commenting on "socialization" in local situations which they know well, wish to insist upon these aspects more than he did.

However, in the preparation of all such commentary and in any application that may be made to his principles, the Pope hopes that we will attend most carefully to his nuances of language, to his emphases, to what he states as certain and to what he sets down as reputable and authoritative opinion. Finally, he would certainly want a manifest distinction made between statements of what is truth, generally and everywhere applicable, and what is rather exhortation to a line of action which, according to circumstances, is mandatory or advisable or less advisable in one part of the world or another.

Among the dissenters I met this summer some few justified their slowness in accepting the new encyclical on the ground of a certain familiarity with the normal procedures by which encyclicals are prepared. They begin with the fact that a Pope must rely upon collaborators who have the technical competence he may lack in certain purely economic aspects of some questions, questions on whose social and moral implications he believes it timely to give guidance. These dissenters also recognize—and argue from the fact—that the Pope freely seeks help in setting forth accurately and fully those elements of Catholic social thought which he intends to bring to bear upon the questions at issue in his encyclical.

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orators-so these hesitant ones argue-a different (and to them more acceptable?) encyclical might have emerged. If, therefore, such a different teaching might have existed, how, they argue, can they be forced to

accept the presently oriented document?

It is not altogether easy to answer this question, put in this way. And certainly, something must be conceded to the questioner of good will. It is perfectly true that the Pope's collaborators can be more liberal or more conservative in orientation. Indeed, the same could be said of Popes themselves. Hence, certain inevitable emphases will be reflected in what they write or in the manner in which they express themselves.

At this point, however, ends the comfort which the so-

called "Catholic Right" can draw from the above consideration. For the collaborators of a Pope, whether liberal or conservative, would certainly know that a corpus of Catholic social doctrine exists. And this body of doctrine necessarily channels and confines whatever line their individual conservative or liberal tendencies might

Moreover, as one whose life work has been the assimilation and the teaching of Catholic social doctrine, I can say with absolute certainty that no collaborators Pope John might have turned to-European or American or other-could have or would have prepared an encyclical that would be acceptable to the editors of the National Review.

Foreigners in Britain

PENDING THE summer in my native London after a seven-year absence came as an interesting and instructive experience. If Britain is going through one of its periodic economic crises, it is certainly not evident in the capital. Enormous new buildings, webbed in steel scaffolding, are going up in different parts of the city, while the life of the pedestrian becomes daily more hazardous as traffic in the already crowded streets becomes even denser.

What struck me most, however, was the number of foreigners in our midst. Well over one and a half million visitors came to Britain in 1960 and more are expected this year. In all the well-known tourist spots of the capital, American, French, German and other tourists were taking the inevitable photographs, feeding the tame pigeons, asking the good natured policemen for information or grappling with the mysteries of pounds, shillings and pence (to say nothing of halfcrowns, florins, sixpennies and halfpennies).

If they do not exactly step out of their way to welcome them, Londoners at least seem to suffer the tourists gladly. Local inhabitants, I suspect, get quite a kick from seeing groups of tourists gazing admiringly at such colorful spectacles as the Changing of the Guard, while they themselves hurry by, trying to

look blasé and unimpressed.

Business often took me to London University, where another type of foreign visitor was much in evidence. No less than 55,000 overseas students were studying in this country during the last academic year and many of them were living in and around London. A large proportion of foreign students come from British colonies or ex-colonies. Last year we had 3,800 from Ghana, 6,800 from Nigeria and 3,000 from Jamaica.

Even the United States contributed some 1,300 stu-

Education abroad is a valuable experience but can sometimes prove to be a mixed blessing. Often enough students from underdeveloped countries come to Britain quite unprepared for the materialistic atmosphere which unhappily pervades British life. Some become lonely and disillusioned. Others can be embittered and veer leftwards when they run up against color prejudice; it is increasingly difficult to find lodgings for colored students in some parts of the country. Despite the efforts of the university chaplains, Christian students can easily lose their faith when they note the British people's lack of interest in religion.

But what I noticed most of all during my stay in London was the large number of colored workers to be seen everywhere. Some 70,000 West Indians have come to live in London since the end of the war, while about 45,000 have settled in Birmingham. Last year, 52,000 emigrated to Britain and it is now estimated that 120,000 colored emigrants will arrive in the country this year. Up till August of the current year 43,000 West Indians arrived, 13,500 Indians, 13,000 Pakistanis; Hong Kong, Aden, Singapore and West Africa sent a total of

3,700 in the same seven-month period.

Why do they come? It is certainly not the lure of the British climate which brings them to this country. The attraction, of course, lies in the high standard of living over here, compared with the depressed conditions in the West Indies. Furthermore, members of the Commonwealth can enter Britain freely without any restriction, although, in view of the number of Commonwealth immigrants in recent years, voices are now being raised questioning the advisability of this unre-

Because of lack of education and previous experience, the West Indian can generally only hope to get

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a manual job over here as a road sweeper or a conductor on the subway or buses. In at least one case social workers came across an immigrant who could neither read nor write. Because so many have joined the transport services, it has been said that if all the West Indians were suddenly sent home, the London bus and subway services would be crippled; at the same time, many hospitals would have to close for lack of nurses.

On the whole the integration of colored workers has proceeded smoothly enough, although one or two ugly incidents have occurred. The so-called race riots some years ago at Notting Hill, a London suburb, soon fizzled out when stiff jail sentences were handed down to white agitators. A few months back, violence broke out in Middlesbrough, a dingy industrial town in Yorkshire, after the local police had charged an Arab with stabbing and killing a white youth. Here again it was more a case of hooligans, flushed with drink, ganging up against a minority group rather than race rioting as such. Once more the law came down heavily on the "louts who have attacked these people without provocation" (as the magistrate scathingly described them), and order was soon restored.

Earlier this year the press reported a less violent, yet perhaps more insidious, incident related to color prejudice. When Sardar Mohammed, a Pakistani of several years residence in this country, proposed to move his family into a block of flats owned by the municipal authorities at Smethwick, a number of tenants protested and threatened a rent strike. With commendable promptness, the local authorities adopted a no-nonsense attitude and threatened in turn to evict any tenant taking part in the strike. A few days later

the Pakistani family quietly moved in and no more was heard of the affair.

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But there still remain various problems concerning the influx of colored workers. At the present time there is no lack of manual jobs, and employers are generally only too pleased to sign on West Indians. Should there be a trade recession sometime in the future, however, the employment situation might radically change and there would be bound to be agitation against admitting foreign labor. The tendency of the unsophisticated West Indian worker to be slow in joining a labor union also inevitably tends to cause a certain amount of resentment.

Further difficulties arise in accommodating the immigrants. Because of the housing shortage, many West Indians are herded together in old dilapidated houses and are often forced to pay exorbitant rents. Ironically enough, some of the unscrupulous landlords are West Indians who have saved enough to buy a house and now earn a comfortable living by grossly overcharging their own countrymen. Crowded living can often lead to immoral living, and it is a common charge, generally without foundation, that too many West Indians are mixed up in vice rackets in London and other big cities.

But by and large the West Indians have settled down quite well in this country. There remain difficulties arising from differences of temperament, background and education, to name just a few, but none of them is insoluble. At any rate, now that we have these difficulties of our own in this country, we will perhaps be able to view the race problems in the United States with greater sympathy and considerably more understanding.

MICHAEL COOPER

The Clergy in an Atomic Attack

Donald Wolf, S.J.

Several Thoughts struck me rather forcefully in reading Fr. L. C. McHugh's article, "Ethics at the Shelter Doorway" (Am. 9/30). The first, of course, was the eminent sanity and reasonableness of his ethical analysis. He has presented to the Christian the principles of true Christian action in the event of a possible un-Christian catastrophe.

Another thought was occasioned by the editorial comment about Fr. McHugh: "Our guess is that Fr. McHugh would be the first to step aside from his own shelter door, yielding space to his neighbor." Having known Fr. McHugh when he was teaching at George-

town University, I have no doubt about the accuracy of this conjecture.

But does the article not point up another problem, the place of the priest, or any clergyman, in an atomic attack and the consequent atomic fallout? The present concern for civil defense and public and private fallout shelters represents a movement for physical survival. This is laudable and necessary. Survival is, in a sense, the primary concern for the individual and the family.

Society is interested in preserving as many people as possible to form the nucleus for further defense and the later renascence of civilization. But the Christian cannot afford to consider only the preservation of his life. He should be even more concerned with his eternal salvation. And he should be concerned especially with those who minister to his eternal needs. Yet one sees

DONALD WOLF, s.J., continues a discussion that was begun by Fr. McHuch, s.J., in "Ethics at the Shelter Doorway" (Am. 9/30, p. 824).

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little or no discussion of the special problems which will face ministers in the event of an atomic attack. Perhaps my meaning can be highlighted by the question: "Would it be the ethical thing for Fr. McHugh to step aside from his shelter door?"

In past ages, Christian societies have not wanted for heroes among the clergy. Many are the examples that could be cited of clergymen giving their lives ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of men and women in plague-ridden cities and in the devastation of wars. My concern is not with the courage of clergymen. On that the laity can depend. My concern, rather, is with the know-how of the clergy. Has the clergy, either individually or as a group, considered the problems to be faced in an atomic war?

No one can guess all the possible effects of an atomic attack. Some facts, however, seem fairly certain, and many others can be projected with a reasonable degree of accuracy. It is easier to present problems than to offer solutions. My purpose will be to pose some of the problems as a stimulus to both clergy and laity, and to offer one positive suggestion for possible future solution.

The first problem for the clergy would be the same as for anyone else—to stay alive. On this level it could be maintained that the clergyman has a greater obligation than anyone else. For he should consider, not only his own personal safety, but also his obligation to the faithful of his particular religious group. The minister is ordained not for his own good primarily, but for the good of others. Unless he preserves his own life, he can hardly minister to the spiritual needs of his brethren.

In all the publicity given to the current furor for building fallout shelters; I have seen no report of a clergyman constructing a shelter in his backyard. That does not necessarily mean that none have done soalthough, I suspect that such is the case. Such a move by a minister of religion would probably have rated special attention by the news services. Possibly the clergy feel, because of their prominent position in their communities, that to build a shelter would unduly panic the faithful. If this is the motivation, it would seem to be a mistaken one. Rather than be frightened, the laity should be consoled to realize that their ministers are preparing for the possibility of an atomic attack. They should understand by such action that the clergy are taking the means necessary to ensure the laity's salvation in their hour of need.

On another level, I would suspect that the Office of Civil Defense would welcome the co-operation of the clergy in this matter. Such co-operation would be an effective way of highlighting the necessity of being prepared for a catastrophe which is far from impossible.

For those clergymen in the immediate impact area of an atomic blast, it would seem that there is little need to speculate on what they can do. It is generally accepted that the loss of life in the impact area of an Abomb or H-bomb would be virtually total. Those clergy in the immediate locale of an attack who did survive would more likely need to be ministered to. We could hardly expect them to be in any kind of position to minister to others.

For those not in the immediate impact area, the possibilities and also the problems are greater. Much will depend upon the destructiveness of the attack itself and the distance one is away from the immediate area. For our purposes we can consider the area outside the locale of the attack as a unit. One of the first problems will be whether or not it is possible or desirable for the clergy to attempt to enter the area of destruction to perform their ministry.

INDOUBTEDLY, the area would be closed to unauthorized entry by police, National Guard and Army. Clergy activity would have to be made in conjunction with public authorities. Granting the inevitable confusion and possible panic following the explosion of the bomb or bombs, a plan would have to have been made before the attack, if the work of ministering to souls is to be effective or even possible. Such a plan would have to include a decision beforehand as to the dangers of radiation and fallout consequent upon entering the area, and the precautions one would have to take to preserve or prolong life. Refugees coming from the area surrounding the central point of destruction would pose another difficulty.

For a Catholic priest, administering to people in the area and to refugees would involve the question of absolution and the administration of last rites in danger of death. Would radiation and fallout sickness contracted by those near the blast automatically put them in an immediate "danger of death" and allow absolution and the last sacraments under emergency conditions? If this were the case, priests would have to be able to recognize the effects of radiation and fallout. Radiation effects, though recognizable when serious enough to be fatal, are not as evident to the ordinary observer as the battered body of a man in an automobile accident.

If most of the priests in the attacked city are killed, there may not be enough priests available to administer the sacraments to the great numbers needing them. Would this justify or necessitate the ordination of men in surrounding seminaries who have not yet finished their training? If so, under what conditions would such "emergency priests" administer the sacraments to the faithful? And if such ordinations are necessary, what bishop would do the ordaining?

Such drastic measures may not be necessary. But if they were necessary, they could never be carried out in time to be effective, unless they had been planned well in advance of an attack.

Even if the foregoing difficulties were solved, the problem of fallout would remain. The danger of fallout depends upon the degree of radiation set off by the bomb and the proximity to the attack. Serious danger of fallout sickness could last anywhere from 24 hours to several weeks. Granting that the clergy were prepared with the necessary shelters, how would they go about their duties during that period? Much would depend upon the type of shelters provided in the various localities. Community shelters would make the task

of the clergy both easier and more effective. Individual shelters scattered in backyards all over town would

cause serious complications.

Could clergymen leave their shelters during the critical period without seriously endangering their own lives? If they did leave the shelters, what precautions would they have to take to preserve or at least prolong their lives? They may well have to accept the possibility of contracting fallout sickness in order to fulfill their obligations to the faithful. In such a case clergymen would have to know what to do—I repeat, not to preserve their lives, but to prolong their usefulness as long as possible. Under these circumstances, the laity would be dependent upon both the courage and devotion of the clergy and upon their preparedness.

The questions we have been asking point to rather grim possibilities. All the more reason for the clergy to be clear on the issues involved. I said in the beginning that I could offer only one positive suggestion.

I would recommend that an interfaith committee be set up *now* to study such problems and others which those more expert than I could foresee.

The committee should be composed of clergymen, scientists and laymen who could plan for the eventualities of an atomic attack. Such a committee would not be successful without government co-operation. The Office of Civil Defense should welcome such assistance—for the government should be interested in the problems of its citizens. Such a concern would be similar to the provisions made now for chaplains in the armed services.

Once the committee, with government co-operation, had completed its study, the results should be made available to the clergy. Perhaps the best way to do this would be to issue a booklet to every clergyman in the United States to guide his activity in an atomic attack and its aftermath. Being forearmed, the clergy would help to save both lives and souls.

Today's Opportunity

Thomas Patrick Melady

THE PIERCING COLDNESS of the absolute separation that exists between our Negro and white citizens in the South was made painfully obvious to me when I saw a Negro soldier refused service at a restaurant near the Montgomery, Alabama, train station. In Montgomery I also found that it was "forbidden by law" for me to meet in a restaurant with several African students. The gross indecency of not allowing friends to enjoy a cup of coffée together! When the soldier was turned down, my mind flashed back to my good friend Jean Bolinga (the name is fictitious) who had come from Africa to visit various cities in the South only a few months ago.

Jean visited the South. No wonder he shortened his tour from five to one-and-one-half days. When I met him in New York City and inquired about his trip, he said very little. But I know now what must have happened. He, a black man, was confronted by taxicabs which said "For whites only"; he experienced the gross insult of being refused the facilities of a rest room; and, if he had asked for a cup of coffee, he would have been

refused that, too.

How ironic this is! Jean was brought to our country by the U.S. Government. He was here on a 60-day tour to see America. As editor-in-chief of a major African newspaper, he is a man of influence in his country. Frankly speaking, our country wants Jean to be a friend and he was invited here as a part of our government's continuing campaign to "win friends" throughout the world. But for me this was a far more personal matter. Jean is my friend. I have known the warmth of his home, the endearing friendship of his family, and never once in his country did I suffer from any kind of discrimination!

Jean, how charitable you were not to tell me anything about your experience in our Southern States! Actually, you would have been kinder if you had done so. For it is only now that I realize the implications for

America of our racial situation.

My mind, at this point, reflects on the African students that I see every week. Many Americans, like myself, are active in assisting these young African men and women to obtain their education here. We also want them to learn about America, its history and traditions. Many African students are actually sponsored by private agencies so that their stay here may become a foundation for better relations between the African and American peoples. How can the coldness of the "For whites only" signs be the basis of real friendship?

The Southern States are not alone in these sins against our fellow man. In various Northern cities where a large number of African students attend universities, more subtle but equally shattering insults occur daily. Consider, for example, a Ph.D. student from an East African country who has been very helpful to me in several projects designed to promote U.S.-African relations. He is still a friend of our country despite the fact

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that recently he was told in a New York barbershop: "We can't cut your — hair!"

The problem of finding summer jobs in New York City for our African students is one that is sufficient to cause even the most patient person a nightmare. For the past two years I have devoted many of my free hours in the evening and on weekends to finding jobs for competent, energetic African students who want to work to help themselves obtain an education. Perhaps it is more accurate to say that for two years I have been pleading with American corporations to give the African students an "even break" and to consider their credentials on the same basis as other students. This summer I have seen a slight improvement in my ability to obtain such summer jobs for African students, but it is only slight.

Even African diplomats receive shameful treatment from some of our citizens. Recently a junior member of the Nigerian Embassy in Washington was refused service at a restaurant in Virginia. Do we expect such conduct to contribute to the building of good relations with Africa's new nations? Can we condemn the Nigerian newspapers for reporting this incident in bold headlines?

Perhaps the owner of the restaurant in Montgomery and the proprietor of the New York barbershop are not aware of the presence of the nonwhite peoples in the world today. These gentlemen and others evidently do not realize that these people "of color" constitute over sixty per cent of the world's population. Forty-two nations at the United Nations represent the non-Western world and make it obvious that the balance of power in world affairs is no longer dominated by the "white" countries.

There are good patriotic reasons why the owners of the restaurant and the barbershop should re-examine their segregationist policies. Don't they realize that they, perhaps more than the Communists, are seriously damaging their country's best interests?

But to me, the personal, human side of this problem is of more importance. The African and Asian people are knocking at our doors. They wish to embrace us as friends. Can we expect any real embrace to take place as long as the public facilities in any part of our country discriminate against people because of their color? As long as some of our citizens distrust their fellow citizens because of their skin?

We have very little time. The Afro-Asian peoples are full of charity; they are wonderful examples of people who can forget, forgive and start anew. But they will not give us much more time. It is thirty minutes before midnight as far as the reputation of the United States in Africa and Asia is concerned. Perhaps this very urgency is what we need in order to turn our disgrace into an opportunity. This is the opportunity for greatness. Our citizens who practice segregation and other forms of racial discrimination can still turn this terrible blotch on America's international reputation into our finest hour.

This is the moment for all of us to join in a full reconciliation between the races in our country. We can do it. In the past our country has responded to great chal-

lenges. This is perhaps our greatest challenge. As we approach the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, let us seize this wonderful occasion to climb up on a higher plateau of human understanding. If we do not, we may lose forever the friendship of the African and Asian peoples.

Our Afro-Asian neighbors will be patient with us as long as we are sincere in our march toward full reconciliation between the races. They have a heart full of love for Abraham Lincoln because he initiated the first big step. They would have the same affection for President Kennedy if under his leadership the last big step toward the plateau of human understanding was taken valiantly. But, again, the drive must come now and it must be effective.

What are some of the steps that we can undertake immediately? First of all, there must be a full, irrevocable determination by our leaders that our people shall be guided to a fuller understanding. In our society there is only one person who can do this, and that person is the President of the United States. President Kennedy in his Inauguration Address set high standards for us in these crucial days of our country's history. A clear call from him for all of us to eliminate the remaining vestiges of mistrust and lack of understanding between peoples because of race or color would be the first signal for the great push toward full reconciliation on the eve of the 100th anniversary of our country's greatest hour—the abolition of slavery.

Our country can look to our younger citizens for full and vigorous support. This generation was born and brought up in a period free of some of the prejudices which afflicted our parents. Ours is the scientific age in which this generation has benefited from the empirical data which have established for all time that all men are equal. Furthermore, as citizens, they have, regardless of race, fought together all over the world. Battlefields leave no room for segregation policies. Finally, mobility has been characteristic of this generation. They have visited all parts of the world. They know how small it is. They have visited the black, brown, yellow and red peoples who are now, thanks to modern communication, our next-door neighbors. This generation wants them also as our friends!

The burden of this push for reconciliation can be carried by our young people. They have the added incentive that they will be here tomorrow; a tomorrow that would be very sad if our country should lose the friendship of the non-white peoples.

Destiny has given us this moment for greatness. Let us grasp it with vigor, determination and appreciation. It can mean a whole new frontier of understanding, not only among our own peoples, but also between us and the peoples of the new nations. Do we dare do anything but accept this challenge with the prayerful determination that we, on the eve of the Emancipation Proclamation centennial, will match the greatness of Abraham Lincoln with another act of greatness—the final push toward racial reconciliation on the plateau where we greet one another as human beings who are free and equal?

State of the Question

SOME SIGNIFICANT THOUGHTS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

While forced confinement during a storm is conducive to meditation, the meditation is spoiled by danger and strained emotions. After the storm, in clear air, activity is fruitfully nourished by the past distractions. Two America readers reflect on issues which seem to pose posthumous questions to the Federal aid storm.

To the Editor: At first glance it might seem mere polemical strategy or a love of paradox that would prompt one to inquire whether President Kennedy's recent bill of Federal aid exclusively for public schools is itself basically unconstitutional. But the question may not be as fantastic as it sounds. And even though the discussion may work no change in the real order, it can serve to throw into proper perspective much of the controversy about the constitutionality of aid for parochial schools.

One sometimes gets the impression that secularists, like the Communists, rush in by force to occupy a constitutional position, consolidate it by propaganda and slogans (e.g., "separation of Church and State"), and then press on still further to negotiate away the rights of their opponents. There is surely some advantage in scrutinizing carefully their premises rather than permitting them the luxury of begging the question unchallenged. Such a scrutiny suggests that people who accept the secularist interpretation of the Constitution against the parochial schools are in the plight of straining out a bogus gnat and swallowing a very real camel.

Both in explicit theory and by historical development the American Constitution is positively committed to protect freedom of religion. This fact negates from the very start the secularist bias which has been given to the interpretation of the principle of the separation of Church and State by the enemies of Federal aid to parochial schools.

A corollary is that any legislation which can be shown to violate man's basic right to the free exercise of his religion is unconstitutional in a deeply violent and devastating manner. On the other hand, legislation that fosters this free exercise, so long as it does not establish some one religion as the state religion, is simply implementing the

freedom guaranteed by the Constitu-

Were it not for the legal positivism and the secularist pressure that have corrupted certain decisions of the Supreme Court, there could hardly be any doubt that the fundamental structure of the Constitution would clearly shine through as supporting the perfect compatibility of separation and co-operation as components in the relationship of Church and State. The wall of separation was designed from the beginning with gates and doors as between neighbors and friends, not with spikes and bristling guns as between enemies or untrusted strangers.

Deeply rooted in the American tradition is the association of religion with education. The first schools were religious schools, the first sponsors of higher education were religious groups. There can be no disputing the fact that for Americans the free exercise of religion involves the right to religious education. Not just the teaching of catechism apart from other subjects and in a void, but the integrating of all subjects in a theistic Weltanschauung in schools fathered and fostered by the Church. Religious freedom in America, therefore, means freedom, guaranteed by the Constitution, for a God-centered educational system, such as is exemplified in the Catholic parochial schools.

Now this is precisely the freedom endangered in a very real fashion by the President's bill insofar as the bill was expressly designed to exclude church-related schools from its benefits. The discrimination may not constitute direct physical blockage, but it is grave interference by economic pressure. It siphons off funds by taxation from all citizens, including Catholics, to pay for an exclusively secularistic educational system that Catholics prefer not to use. But in effect they are either forced to

use the secular schools or else they are coerced to skimp on the quantity and quality of their own schools once their financial resources are drained away by taxes for secular schools.

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When people have no money for bread, it is useless to speak of their freedom to eat cake, especially when they are taxed to buy bread for everybody else but themselves. Freedom of religious groups to maintain their own educational systems grows more meaningless as their schools are priced out of existence by the economic pressure of higher taxes, higher salaries and more costly physical plants and equipment. In other words, the President's bill was based on a premise that puts secularism in a privileged position and places an economic penalty on t' free exercise of religion. Surely this stand is essentially and radically opposed to the Constitution of the United States.

American Catholics are not asking Protestants and others to support Catholic schools from Protestant pockets. They are simply asking for the religious freedom to direct the use of their own money to schools of their choice. If the government insists on collecting taxes from Catholic sources for education, it should be ready to spend that money in accordance with the preference of the Catholic taxpayer. Since Catholics are not free to withhold taxes or to receive a rebate for what they pay for private education, their freedom suffers limitation, their choice is restricted. In reality they experience the injustice of taxation without representation. There is something invidious in the spectacle of non-Catholics blandly accepting the benefits of Catholic taxes (plus relief from the greater burden they would have if all Catholic children went to public schools) for secular schools and then talking piously about the freedom of Catholics to pay for their own system -after taxes!

For the President's bill to have passed without respect for the rights of religious education would have been to prejudice the very existence and the future development of private schools in this country, for it would have biased all later legislation in the direction of state monopoly. The recent exodus of religious teachers from Cuba after the nationalization of the schools in that afflicted country may be more dramatic but it is hardly more significant than

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the latent philosophy underlying the President's legislation.

To hold that only public or secular schools are eligible for public support is a basic denial of the traditional American position that public schools are merely part of the American educational pattern in a pluralistic and democratic society. The day when secular schools become the only American schools and the sole beneficiary of public support, when they are given the special privilege that makes for monopoly, on that day they become a dangerous, undemocratic, unconstitutional force in our midst. Surely Catholic legal experts can determine whether there is genuine matter for protest here.

To THE EDITOR: In your Comment "Playing by Ear" (9/9), Msgr. James T. Curtin of St. Louis, Mo. is quoted: "In the next few years we'll just have to play it by ear."

Thus, one of the most revolutionary decisions in the history of American Catholic education is being formulated without much evidence or facts to support it. It is being decided on the basis of partly informed principle, of attitudes and emotions, and of current and developing political expediency.

The question is: Where shall the available resources of the Church be concentrated—on the elementary or on the secondary level of education?

The consensus of published, authoritative opinion appears to be that the secondary school should be stressed and

the elementary school eliminated. Catholic children will be encouraged to attend a secular elementary school supplemented by religious instruction in the home and in the church. They will subsequently attend a Catholic secondary school, and possibly a Catholic college. It is argued that these adolescent years are the most crucially determinative for the moral and religious attitudes, beliefs and emotions of the future Catholic citizen. Resources being what they are, it is thought better to eliminate the lower rather than the higher grades.

Now it may be that the strategy and tactics of Catholic educators should be differently organized. It may be possible, for example, to obtain Federal funds for Catholic education by selectively closing Catholic elementary schools (or more prudently, by not building new ones). Such issues are important, but largely irrelevant to the present concern.

What is needed now are some scientifically collected facts to throw more light on the decision as to where available resources should be applied most effectively. Clearly stated objectives and ends of Catholic education should support the decisions. No one knows—in the sense of having data or facts in which he can have some confidence—whether it is better to have full educational facilities, including religious education, available to the student in the first grade or in the ninth grade.

However, with the aid of current scientific methods, this could be determined within a reasonable period of time. Research could be designed and carried out to provide knowledge in terms of which Catholic leaders in education might reasonably proceed. The design for such research, the instruments, the theoretical constructs and the scientists are all available to those in authority in Catholic education. It remains only that they be put to constructive use.

Within two years there will be another national crisis in Federal aid to education. In the interim, facts could be made available for a knowledgeable campaign of action.

This research should be guided by certain principles.

► It should be a multi-disciplinary approach infused with the current thinking of all relevant scientific disciplines.

▶ It should be conducted by lay social scientists with the approval and financial support of the Catholic hierarchy and Catholic parents.

▶ It should include the active participation of competent and well-known non-Catholic scientists to help insure the high quality of the work, and because the non-Catholic has a significant historical and financial stake in such an enterprise.

► It should be a nation-wide and representative research effort to reflect the diverse elements that characterize American Catholic education.

► It should eliminate the necessity of "playing Catholic education by ear."

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BOOKS

Paperback Hurricane

"Paperback output labeled threat to Western civilization"—so ran the head-line on a story about the recent reaction of authorities in Australia to the prevalence of "sex, sensationalism, violence and crime" in paper-covered books that can be bought for "paltry but multiplying shillings." And indeed one may be inclined to say a hearty yea when one notes that several U. S. publishers, encouraged by the success of the Avon publishing company with its 100,000 copies of Alan F. Guttmacher's Babies by Choice or by Chance, are planning

huge editions of paperbacks on birth control.

Whether or not paperbacks are such a threat, they certainly are a menace to the sanity and well-being of reviewers and readers. Here are some of the

Eighteen months ago a total of 6,500 paperback titles had been published in the United States; the latest edition of Paperbound Books in Print (Fall, 1961) lists 13,900. Last year Americans bought about one million paperbacks a day. The boom is especially noted in the

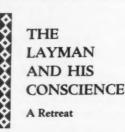
reading of the college population, and the end is not yet in sight. A recent survey reveals that within the next five years the sale of paperbacks to college students will rise 103 per cent. It's good to note that serious, quality works showed the biggest surge last year they were up 30 per cent.

The great problem posed by this hurricane of paperbacks is: How are they to be called to the attention of readers? A recent survey conducted by the *Publishers' Weekly* shows that there is in general a woeful lack of coverage in newspapers and magazines, even of original works that appear in soft covers and of reissues of classics. The universal reason for lack of adequate notice is: "We just don't have enough space."

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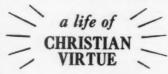
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This issue's music notes will range rather widely over books and records in a nondescript way. When you treat a single theme, as we usually do, you inevitably let a lot of loose strings gather. Here are some of them.

First a word of thanks to those of you -more than 2,200 already-who have joined our America Record Society. Your response has been more than encouraging, both in subscriptions and letters. We hope that the little brochureminute-by-minute and second-by-second guideposts to listening-that you will receive shortly, will add to your enjoyment, and that subsequent records will continue to meet your needs.

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With opera season upon us once again and the Metropolitan, despite ill omens, soon to broadcast to millions of listeners all over the continent, you may be looking for a really useful opera guide. You can do no better than to secure George Martin's new work, The Opera Companion, A Guide for the Casual Operagoer (Dodd, Mead, 751 pp. \$12.50). Don't be disarmed by the subtitle; you may be casual, but Mr. Martin's book, while witty and even sparkling, is altogether scholarly in the best sense of that abused word.

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"But He lay asleep. . . . Then He rose up, and checked the winds, and the sea." From this passage we see that all creatures recognize their Creator (St. Jerome, on the Gospel for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost).

WE SEE, if good and learned Jerome will suffer our boldness, a deal more than that, though that is perception indeed. Let us consider.

The clause Ipse vero dormiebat (But He lay asleep) is one of those brief and casual Gospel remarks which are exactly like icebergs—they are very cool, and nine-tenths of their significance lies hidden. What is contained, among other suggestions, in these three or four ordinary words is the huge dogmatic truth of the actual humanity of Christ.

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far is that dreams are important to sleep, that sleep without dreams is not worth the—well, the effort. Our old knowledge, however, abides. God does not sleep, and angels do not sleep. But men and animals sleep, and they sleep because they must. The reason for all this is clear. Sleep is a bodily function, answering to a bodily need. But God and angels are bodiless spirits, whereas men and animals are solidly corporeal. Ergo.

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One sees the touching conclusion at once. Christ our Lord slept, and slept soundly—there was a vicious storm going on, remember?—because He was very tired, and He was tired because He was a man. It is never soul or spirit that grows weary. It is muscle and sinew and nervous system. Incidentally, the Latin verb in our little passage is more meaningful than its English translation. That verb is in the imperfect tense, which in that in conveys either repeated or continued action. Our weary Lord in that wicked squall went right on sleeping.

O true man Christ! How little I really understand in all that You did and said and experienced! Even as You lie there, dead to the world, Your heavy head on the helmsman's leather pillow, You are my teacher and my lesson and my deep comfort.

Yet this sleepy Man, protesting a little, gets up and stops a storm. Then He rose up, and checked the winds, and the sea, and there was deep calm. Just like that. No wonder old Jerome simply nods and mutters: "But of course. All creatures recognize their Creator."

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